

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

FCC 03M-53  
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In the Matter of	)	EB Docket No. 03-85
	)	
BUSINESS OPTIONS, INC.	)	File No. EB-02-TC-151
	)	
Order to Show Cause and Notice of	)	NAL/Acct. No. 200332170002
Opportunity for Hearing	)	FRN: 0007179054
	)	

**ORDER**

Issued: December 8, 2003

Released: December 9, 2003

This case was once reset and was to be heard on January 13, 2004. *See Order* FCC 03M-36, released September 2, 2003. In an informal telephone conference call of December 5, 2003, to review hearing procedures with counsel, Business Options, Inc. ("BOI") advised that there still needs to be a determination of fees owed under the universal service support program [47 C.F.R. § 54.706]. *See Memorandum Opinion and Order* FCC 03M-33, released August 20, 2003. The Bureau also has a discovery interest in such data. It appears that completion of internal BOI auditing could reduce the scope of the hearing.

Commission rules provide that hearing continuances may be granted for good cause shown. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.205. It appears that good cause has been shown by BOI and, in the discretion of the Presiding Judge, without objection from the Enforcement Bureau, the current procedural and hearing dates will be reset one more time.<sup>1</sup>

**Ruling**

IT IS ORDERED that the hearing date of January 13, 2004, and related procedural dates set under *Order* FCC 03M-36 ARE CANCELLED.

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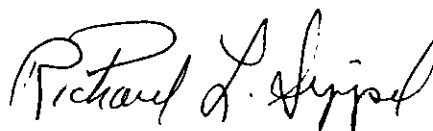
<sup>1</sup> BOI was warned that this will be the last hearing continuance, absent a showing of unforeseen new circumstances that would impose a severe hardship.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing and procedural dates ARE RESET as follows:<sup>2</sup>

<b>January 8, 2004</b>	-	Complete Discovery
<b>January 30, 2004</b>	-	Exchange Direct Cases
<b>February 3, 2004</b>	-	Notification of Witnesses Requested for Cross-Examination
<b>February 10, 2004</b>	-	Objections to Witnesses Requested for Cross-Examination
<b>February 18, 2004</b>	-	Trial Briefs Exchanged
<b>February 24, 2004</b>	-	Hearing at 9:30 a.m. in Hearing Room TW-A363

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Business Options, Inc. SHALL FILE AND SERVE a Status Report on **January 16, 2004**, describing the status of its internal audit and accounting to NECA, specifically identifying the steps taken since December 8, 2003, to complete the audit.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION<sup>3</sup>



Richard L. Sippel  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>2</sup> These dates were proposed by BOI without objection from the Enforcement Bureau. Counsel are reminded of the requirements for assembling exhibits as previously ordered. *See Order* FCC 03M-18, released May 22, 2003.

<sup>3</sup> Courtesy copies of this *Order* were sent to counsel for the parties by fax or e-mail on the date of issuance.